MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : According to the proviso to part 2 of rule 24 of the Puduval Rules, a Co-operative Society of the depressed classes who have applied for the registry of the area has to be organised before the lands are assigned to them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether any step was taken for registering the co-operative society ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies was addressed on the subject and he is taking action in the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the Registrar of Co-operative Societies also the Protector of the Depressed Classes ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what action was taken by the Protector in regard to this matter ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to supply that information just now.

Trivandrum Water Works Scheme.

43. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the present Chief Engineer has special qualifications in Water Works Engineering, and, if so, what they are ;

(*b*) whether he has studied and scrutinised the scheme for the Trivandrum Water Works ;

(*c*) whether he approves of the scheme as it stands ;

(*d*) whether he has considered the question of the availability of sufficient water for supply to the Trivandrum town ; and

(*e*) when the Water Works will be completed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. The present Chief Engineer was in direct charge for about four years of the construction of the new Madura, Tuticorin and Ramesvaram Water Works and improvements to the Dindigal Water Works, and was subsequently in charge of the investigation and design of a large number of Municipal Water Works in the Madras Presidency from 1922 to 1930.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He approves the general major features of the scheme and has only had to modify details in design of individual sections of the scheme.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer has no reason to doubt the opinions of the previous Chief Engineers and of Mr. Madeley, that the source of supply is adequate.

(*e*) The 'completion' of a water supply scheme usually tails out and is difficult to predetermine. The scheme is expected to be brought into operation in 1108.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is stated in the answer that the present Chief Engineer was in charge of the new Madura, Tuticorin and Ramesvaram Waterworks and the Improvement to the Dindigal water works. I wish to know from the member whether all these works were executed simultaneously ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no information on that point available just at present. If it is very material, the information will be called for.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, I wish to know whether the modification in the details in the designs has affected in any way the cost of the scheme ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I cannot answer that question either, from the papers before me. I claim notice in respect of that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know the sections of the scheme in which modifications were effected ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That information also the Chief Engineer has not supplied in the report which he sent to Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) ; So all the available information has been given in the answer ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Malayazhma records in the Central Vernacular Records Office.

44. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : (1) With regard to the *Malayazhma* records in the Central Records Office, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is in that office any clerk who knows *Malayazhma* ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether copies of *Malayazhma* records applied for are now being given to the applicants by temporarily employing men for each application that comes up ;

(*c*) if so, whether they are not men who are not in service under Government and on whom the Government have no sort of control or authority ;

(*d*) how many such men as are referred to in part (*b*) are now (27-11-1106) in the employ of the Government in the Central Records or elsewhere ;

(*e*) if there are any, how long they have been doing this work ; and

(*f*) if those men commit any mistake in copying, knowingly or unknowingly, whether there is anybody competent to check or verify the correctness of the copy ?

(2) Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that for paddy lands the latest Settlement records are those of the year 977 and that those records are all in *Malayazhma* ;

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